

REMARKS

Claims 12-13, and 15-21 are pending in the present application, claim 14 having been cancelled herein. The Office Action in the parent application has been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 12, 13, 15 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mizutani. Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mizutani in view of Kobayashi. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claim 14 would be allowable over the prior art if rewritten in independent form. To advance prosecution, the limitations of claim 14 have been incorporated in claims 12 and 19, thus rendering the aforementioned rejections moot.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of records. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197

Respectfully submitted,

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